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ALLIES PUT FIUME TANGLE UP TO WILSON

SENATE CURB ON SHIP SALE HALTS RELIEF OF TAXPAYER

Manufactured Clamor Threatens to Add Billions to Nation's Burden.

BASED ON IGNORANCE.

Naval Experts Valued Whole Seized Fleet, 107 Vessels, at \$37,000,000.

By Martin Green.
(Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Crying "economy" in public but figuring in private on the best way to "pass the buck," the United States Senate has, in response to manufactured clamor, based upon appalling ignorance of the issues involved, temporarily halted the initial steps toward saving the Government hundreds of millions of dollars by stopping the sale of ships held by the Shipping Board.

The Evening World has shown how a considerable slice of the impending treasury deficit of billions of dollars can be saved to the taxpayers if Congress will sell all the Shipping Board ships, sell all the Shipping Board shipyards and turn the American Merchant Marine over to private shipowners, who are willing to take a chance on making money.

The sale at auction of the thirty former German ships, offered to bidders last month, would have been the opening wedge to the accomplishment of the greatest measure of benefit to the taxpayers of the country that is open at this time.

The sale has been halted and if interests which are bent upon putting the United States Government into the passenger and freight steamship business have their way—and only Congress can prevent it—the people of the United States may as well prepare themselves to saddle for \$3,000,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000 of extra taxation in the fiscal year 1921-1922, because the Shipping Board, as a going concern, is going to eat up enough to counteract any amount Congress may cut out of the appropriations for next year, no matter how extensive the cuts may be.

FAILURE PREDICTED FOR GOVERNMENT MERCHANT MARINE.

The Evening World takes the stand that in the interest of the taxpayer the ships should be sold and that the plan of operation of a merchant marine by the Government should be abandoned because "incontrovertible figures and indisputable facts show that the venture will be a colossal failure from the start. No one disputes that the Shipping Board experts and the advocates of Government operation have gone on record as placing the minimum cost of the project in the shape of subsidy alone at \$200,000,000 a year. This does not

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BIG DROPS SEEN IN FOOD PRICES HERE IN SUMMER

Experts in Washington Forecast Bumper Crops and Little Export Market for Goods.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—BIG drop in food prices will come this summer, Government experts predicted today, if farm production is equal to or greater than the production average for the ten year period just closed. They believe it will be.

Prices of farm products are unusually high, so the farmers naturally plant increased acreages. Production still is near the peak brought about by war situation. The foreign exchange situation will decrease competition for American produce.

G. O. P. WILL SEND WOMAN DELEGATE WITH "BIG FOUR"

Root Declines to Go to National Convention and Mrs. Knapp Is Picked.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, Feb. 18.—A woman will be one of the Big Four to sit in the Republican convention at Chicago in June. According to present arrangements Mrs. Florence E. C. Knapp of Syracuse will be selected at the Carnegie Hall convention Friday to be voted for at the April primaries. This is the answer to the up-State leaders to Miss Mary Garrett Hay's opposition to Senator James W. Wadsworth Jr. and is another nail in the political coffin of William H. Anderson, who has been hammering at the ambitions of the senior Senator.

The shift of the old guard was due to the withdrawal to-day of Elihu Root from the delegation. It had been decided not to have a woman delegate on account of Mrs. Hay's opposition to Mr. Wadsworth.

Still looking for a man to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Root's announcement that he would not go to Chicago this year, New York City was cast out of the reckoning because Senators Calder and Wadsworth were on the ticket.

Just for a moment, Charles S. Whitman looked up. Then Miss Helen Varick Boswell, one of Miss Hay's lieutenants, was mentioned as a sop to Miss Hay, but the Wadsworth forces regarded that as too much of a victory for his opponent and it was decided to turn down Miss Hay absolutely.

Mrs. Knapp was not so much the choice of the leaders as that she herself made good in the fight. While

REJECT ALL BIDS FOR GERMAN SHIPS

State of Pennsylvania Is Urged to Buy Hog Island Yard from the Government.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Rejection of all bids received for the thirty former German ships offered for sale by the Shipping Board was recommended to the Senate Commerce Committee today by Chairman Payne of the board, who asked authority to renew negotiations for sale of the vessels for operation under the American flag.

A special session of the Pennsylvania Legislature should be called to consider the advisability of the State buying the Hog Island shipyard at Philadelphia from the United States Shipping Board, Representative McManus today declared in a letter to Gov. Sproul.

Before the committee Payne recalled that the board had sold 153 ships for operation under the American flag, and that eighteen former German vessels were included. The price received was \$33,445,947.

Chairman Payne said if the Congress desired to change this policy to public ownership the passenger liners should not be sold and Congress should direct the board to spend \$75,000,000 to convert them from troop to passenger vessels.

Questioned as to the possibility of the vessels ultimately being sold to foreign interests, Payne said the ships could not be transferred without permission from the Shipping Board.

NEW RAILROAD BILL HALTS WAGE RAISE FOR SIX MONTHS

Congressional Conference Report, Likely to Pass, Also Holds Freight Rates Unchanged.

PROFITS GUARANTEED.

Measure Differs Vastly From Plan Proposed by President to Halt Strike.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Wages established by the Railroad Administration during the war would continue in effect until September 1, under the railroad re-organization bill, the conference report on which was presented today in the House and Senate.

Under the wage provision, the re-drafting of which created more surprise than any other change made in compromising the Each bill and the Cummins bill, pay of railroad workers would be stabilized at present levels for six months after the bill is returned to private control. The bill also seeks to stabilize rates for the same time, providing that prior to Sept. 1 no rates may be reduced unless approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission be obtained.

The restriction on wage increases was looked upon with special interest in view of the recent demands of railroad workers for an advance in pay. President Wilson told the leaders their demands would be considered by a commission to be created by law, if such a provision was included in the railroad bill, or to be appointed on his own initiative if no legal provision were made.

In the belief that a wage commission would be empowered to take up their demands the union heads called a conference to be held here Monday to discuss the policy of dealing with such a commission. To ascertain if the railroad executives would turn over the wage controversy to such a commission Director General Hines requested a committee of railroad officials to confer with him here tomorrow.

Chairman Each announced the report would be taken up in the House Saturday, and Chairman Cummins expects to call it up in the Senate later. Despite the expected opposition to the new wage section Republican leaders expressed belief that the bill would be sent to the President with little change.

The outstanding points of the measure are:

Compulsory submission of labor disputes to a permanent federal board appointed by the President and composed of nine members equally divided between the employees, employers and the public.

Adjustment of rates by the Interstate Commerce Commission, so as to yield to carriers a return of 5-1/2 per cent, upon the aggregate value of their property, with another half of one per cent, for improvement.

Distribution of half of the net railway operating income in excess of this 6 per cent, equally between the carriers, reserve fund and the Federal railroad contingent fund, administered for the assistance of weaker roads.

Government guarantee to railroads against a deficit during the first six months after the roads are turned back, with promises of speedy consideration of their claims.

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BLAST PIERCES SUBWAY WALL; ROCK INJURES 6 IN B. R. T. CAR

Explosion Occurs in Excavation for Cunard Building on Lower Broadway.

WINDOWS ARE BROKEN.

Fire Inspector Calls Inquiry After Seizing Dynamite and Revoking Permit.

Six passengers were injured, two of them seriously, this morning when a blast in the excavation for the new Cunard building at No. 27 Broadway hurled a large rock through the wall of the B. R. T. subway on Church Street, and into the first car of a northbound train which was passing at the time near the Rector Street station.

It was said that twenty panes of glass were blown from the car. The train left its terminal at Whitehall Street at 11:13 o'clock, and the blast occurred just before it reached the Rector Street station.

Two of the injured passengers were taken to the Broad Street Hospital. They were Irving Steinberg, of No. 1551 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, and Miss Sophie Walsh, of No. 1465½ Eighteenth Street, Brooklyn. Both were cut by glass.

Four other passengers were treated by Dr. Hammett and sent home. They were: Bernard Dempsey, No. 523 Saratoga Avenue; B. E. Menden, No. 29 West 89th Street; Walter N. Beckwith, No. 234 West 58th Street, and Henry Koch, No. 213 Lenox Avenue.

The blast was set off by John Hughes, of No. 455 West Fifteenth Street. The train had slowed down at the time of the explosion. This lessened the confusion, although the breaking of the window panes caused several women to faint.

According to Superintendent of Construction John Craft, but one-third of a stick of dynamite was used in the blast. A hole three feet by four feet was torn in the subway wall.

Michael White, the motorman, said that it was best to make a station platform, and the increased speed and ran into Rector Street.

The foundation for the Cunard Building was being excavated by the Foundation Company, No. 223 Broadway.

Inspector Owen Egan of the Fire Department reached the scene shortly after the explosion. He announced that he had revoked the blasting permit of the company, seized the supply of dynamite on hand and ordered officials of the company to appear at the Fire Department headquarters this afternoon for an investigation.

STRIKE OF PHONE GIRLS REPORTED

Cortlandt Exchange Tied Up Till Workers Are Won Back by Company's Promises.

From fifty to seventy-five of the more experienced telephone operators at the Cortlandt Exchange were reported to have struck this morning, tying up the exchange for some time, until officials won them back with promises of speedy consideration of their claims.

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DIAMONDS FOUND IN TOOTH PASTE OF SHIP PASSENGER

Joseph Newman Taken to Custom House With \$14,000 to \$22,000 Gems.

Joseph Newman, returning from Europe with sixty trunks, was pacing up and down the Norwegian-American Line pier at the foot of 30th Street, Brooklyn, early this morning waiting for the customs people to release his baggage.

He took a worn pasteboard box from his pocket, glanced at it, dropped it on the pier and stepped on it. Then he walked away.

It happened that in addition to the regular customs officials present there was John W. Roberts, inspector, in plain clothes. He had been watching Newman, because Newman, in the days before the United States entered the war, had been convicted of smuggling rubber into Germany.

Roberts walked over to the crushed box, kicked it into a shadow, picked it up. Removing the pasteboard he found a twisted tube that still contained some tooth paste. Roberts tore away the soft metal, spread out the paste and found a platinum dinner ring set with two diamonds, each about two carats.

Then he invited Newman to go back on board the ship with him—it was the Stavangerford—to be searched. In his watch pocket was found a ring set with a 7 3/4 carat diamond.

"I bought that in the United States," he said. "I don't have to declare it."

"I've lost my pencil," said Roberts. "Lend me one of your fountain pens. I've got to write a list."

Newman demurred. His pens were dry, or they were broken. Roberts insisted, shook one of the pens and heard it rattle. It contained seven diamonds, about 1 1/2 carats each.

Another pen had some ink in it. Beyond the ink, wrapped in cotton, was found a little cluster of four diamonds of the same size. The third pen yielded nothing, not even ink.

The diamonds are of the finest blue-white quality and worth a total of from \$14,000 to \$22,000.

Mr. Newman was instructed to appear this afternoon before Thomas E. Rush, surveyor of the port, at the Custom House.

He went to Europe about seven months ago for C. B. Richard & Company, No. 29 Broadway, importers and exporters. At their office it was said that if he had brought back any diamonds he had done so on his account, not theirs.

WOMEN VOTERS FOR LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Go on Record as Opposing All Reservations as Offered in the Senate.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—The League of Women Voters today approved the League of Nations without reservations. The resolution was adopted after a long debate on the motion of Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, Boston, that "we urge adoption of the United States to the League of Nations with such reservations as are considered necessary, but with the least possible delay." The phrase "with such reservations" was stricken out before adoption.

The convention in a close vote adopted a resolution opposing compulsory military training.

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OBEY "DRY" BOSS; CAN'T "SEE HIM" AS HEAD OF TICKET

Spurning of Anderson for Governor by G. O. P. Law-makers Is Mystery.

NOT AN "AYE" HEARD.

Signs of Revolt Against Anti-Saloon Dictator, but Assemblymen Still Submit.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, Feb. 18.—Further canvassing to-day of the Republican members of the Assembly failed to reveal a single vote lurking anywhere for William H. Anderson as the candidate of the Republican Party for Governor. It has been made quite plain that no one in the Assembly, from the Speaker of the House to the Sergeant at Arms, wants the head of the Anti-Saloon League as Governor of New York.

This makes the potency of the Anderson whip among the Republican members of the Assembly more mysterious than ever. Up to now the Prohibition boss signified by word and action what he wanted the Republican Party to do, and it was done. "Individually, however, the men who have followed his lead and obeyed his slightest behest show they love him as much as did the slaves of the South their Simon Legrees. A lot of them call him worse than that."

On a resolution bearing on Prohibition on Monday night it looked as if the party members were breaking away from the boss. The resolution wanted the State Board of Health to be the umpire as to what constitutes intoxicating liquors. The resolution was finally referred to the Judiciary Committee on a vote of 46 to 40, which showed considerable falling off in the Anderson influence, though the boss himself was present in the House during the debate.

But there is one thing certain. The majority of the Assembly has disclaimed the Prohibition boss and their votes on future questions over which Anderson presides will be interesting to say the least. Seventy-six of the 110 Republican members were interviewed. Of the others more than a score were excused or prevented from reaching the Capitol by the storm. In the canvass the State was thoroughly represented, and there is no doubt as to how the Republican Party as represented in the lower house stands on Boss Anderson for Governor. They don't stand for him.

U. S. TO PROSECUTE DRAFT DESERTERS

There Are 173,911 So Listed on the Rolls of the War Department.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—A round up of willful drafted deserters is to be started at once, the Department announced today. There are 173,911 listed as draft deserters.

Lists of the draft deserters will be published, either in whole or locally in sections for the information of the Department of Justice and local police.

SEVEN U. S. SAILORS DIE IN ACCIDENTS

Five Are Drowned in Cuban Waters and Two Others in British Port.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Five enlisted men were drowned in the sinking of a naval water barge yesterday off the Cuban Coast, the Navy Department was advised today.

Two others lost their lives in the capsizing of a motor dory from the U. S. S. Hovey last Sunday at Harwich, England.

TAKE BELL-ANS AFTER MEALS and new low line GOOD DIGESTION makes you feel—Ade.

PRESIDENT RECEIVES REPLY OF THE PREMIERS ON FIUME

Does Not Make It Public, but London Reports Say They Will Carry Out Wilson's Plan if He Will Indicate How It Can Be Done.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The reply of the Supreme Allied Council to President Wilson's note relative to the Adriatic settlement has been forwarded to Washington by the American Embassy.

It is understood the communication objects to a reopening of the Adriatic question. It is said to declare that circumstances existing when Premiers Lloyd George, Nitti and Clemenceau framed the virtual ultimatum to Jugo-Slavia in January could not be ignored, but the President, it is asserted, is told the decisions reached last December, to which Mr. Wilson adhered in his note, will be carried out if Mr. Wilson will indicate the way this may be done.

\$700 IN POCKETS, HIS FAMILY HAS TO SLEEP IN ARMORY

Father of Five Children Finds Them Absolute Bar to Renting a Home.

Sidney Fichtman, forty years old, formerly of No. 546 West 156th Street, but now of the ladies' waiting room of the 22d Regiment Armory, has no home, although he has sufficient money to pay for one. His only obstacle to getting a place to live are his five little children, on whose account he was asked to move from his apartment. He was given a fifty-day notice, which expired on Sunday.

Several days before this he made a desperate attempt to secure rooms for his wife and children, but the moment he said "Myself, wife and five children" the deal was off and he was sent again on his discouraging search.

On Sunday he gave it up as hopeless and applied to the Salvation Army, although he had in his pocket more than \$700 in Liberty Bonds. They were compelled to refuse him because their children's department is closed.

He applied to the police of the West 152d Street Station and they referred him to the Children's Society, a charitable organization, but he could not bear separation from his children (the society would only take them).

He had read in the papers of people sleeping in the armories, so he applied to Col. Thomas Cummings of the 22d Regiment, who consented to his family living there. So early on Monday morning they were brought there and are still quite cozy with clanking radiators, comfortable cots and the nice meals their father has brought in to them.

"It seems it is a crime to have children," said Fichtman.

THREE GUESTS DIE IN HOTEL BLAZE

Seventy-eight Others, Thinly Clad, Are Driven to Street by Fire in Providence.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 18.—Three guests lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the Lorraine Hotel today. Samuel Wawson, of Harrisville, was a badly injured jumping from a window that he had later.

Two bodies believed to be those of Lewis B. Kunz of Centerville and E. F. Peber of Boston were found in the ruins.

The rest of the seventy-eight guests were driven into the street partly clad. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

While reports emanating from Paris to the effect that the council modified and softened the tone of the first draft of this reply to Mr. Wilson are denied, it is said the message handed to Ambassador John W. Davis is not identical with the one agreed upon by Premiers Lloyd George and Millerand at their first meeting subsequent to the arrival of the American President's memorandum.

Sir Edward Carson asked in the House of Commons today whether a harsh and uncompromising reply had originally been drafted to President Wilson and whether it had subsequently been changed as the result of representations by Viscount Grey, Lord Robert Cecil and Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Andrew Bonar Law replied that there was not the shadow of foundation for such a suggestion.

"Indeed," Mr. Bonar Law said, "I think it hardly necessary to say that there was not a single representative of any of the Allied Powers at the Conference who does not recognize the supreme importance of a good understanding with the Government and people of the United States."

Confirmation was given of the statement made in Washington that President Wilson's memorandum informed the Allies that if they proceeded with their Adriatic plans without the consent of the United States, President Wilson might feel constrained to withdraw the Treaty of Versailles from the Senate and also refrain from giving effect to the agreement entered into between France and the United States.

REPLY ON FIUME IN WASHINGTON; NOT MADE PUBLIC

State Department Says Not Even a Summary Will Be Given Out at This Time.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The reply of the Allied Supreme Council to President Wilson's note on the Adriatic situation was received today at the State Department and was at once decoded.

It was announced officially that the reply would not be made public at this time, and it was indicated that not even a summary of it would be given out. Frustration of the reply has been left by the Council to President Wilson, according to London despatches, but the council expected to give the press a summary of its contents.

It was reported that President Wilson's hint that the treaty might be withdrawn from the Senate if the Allies persist in their course was met with a declaration that the Allies do not want the United States to stand aloof, or to recall the American ships and men in the Adriatic straits.

The President, it is believed, will answer the Allied note by continuing